

Editorial

DEAR READER

We are pleased to introduce you a special issue of the *European Pharmaceutical Journal* that contains the manuscripts from *The Day of Young Pharmacologists – Memorial of professor František Švec* held in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 12 November 2015. This symposium has been traditionally organised by the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University in Bratislava during previous 20 years and has significantly influenced the scientific development of this department and other Slovak pharmacological institutes. Entering a new decade is characterised by reflection on all accomplishments of this symposium and by providing a new vision regarding publishing the short communications in the *European Pharmaceutical Journal*, formerly *Acta Facultatis Pharmaceuticae Universitatis Comenianae*.

The issue contains nine manuscripts dealing with various topics of both experimental and clinical pharmacology. All presented studies underwent a strict peer-review process. Thus, this special issue of the *European Pharmaceutical Journal* represents a group of selected studies performed in the pharmacological institutes in Slovakia. For instance, two articles from Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin, Comenius University in Bratislava [1,2], provide some view on perspectives of the psychopharmacotherapy research in Slovakia, in particularly on the treatment of Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and depression. In an another study performed in the Institute of Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, the authors have investigated the

efficacy of trolox, carnosine, and its derivative trolox–carnosine administration in rats [3]. Other papers discuss novel insights on pathological aspects of certain diseases which in turn can be effectively influenced by appropriate pharmacological intervention. As indicated above, the symposium, *The Day of Young Pharmacologists* has been known amongst Slovak pharmacologists as *Memorial of professor František Švec*, a founder of pharmacology in the Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University in Bratislava. His son and distinguished professor Pavel Švec experienced passion for pharmacology and motivated many young students to continue in studying this subject. We, his fellows, were pleased to discuss with him our vision and future plans of this symposium and got encouragement to follow them. Today, we are very sad to realise that we cannot share with him our pleasure and experience during compiling this special issue. To the memory of professor Pavel Švec, we would like to announce that the symposium will be renamed and thereby the forthcoming volumes will be referred to as *The Day of Young Pharmacologists – Memorial of professor František Švec and professor Pavel Švec*.

Simultaneously, we wish to express our belief that this first special issue of the papers presented in *The Day of Young Pharmacologists* will be successfully followed by others and will attract a continuous attention and interest of Slovak pharmacologists.

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